

Amendments to House Bill No. 1  
1st Reading Copy

Requested by Representative Rick Ripley

For the House Appropriations Committee

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1. Title, page 1, line 5, through page 1, line 8.  
**Strike:** "REVISING" on line 5 through "DISASTERS;" on line 8  
**Insert:** "PROVIDING FOR A STUDY OF FOREST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES AND FIRE SUPPRESSION FUNDING;"
2. Title, page 1, line 9 through line 10.  
**Strike:** "AMENDING" on page 1, line 9 through "MCA;" on page 1, line 10
3. Title, page 1, line 8.  
**Following:** "SUPPRESSION"  
**Insert:** ", "  
**Strike:** "AND"
4. Title, page 1, line 9.  
**Strike:** "FOR"  
**Following:** "ACTIVITIES"  
**Insert:** ", WILDLAND FIRE ENGINES, AND A STUDY OF FOREST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES AND FIRE SUPPRESSION FUNDING"
5. Page 1, line 14 through page 3, line 6.  
**Strike:** sections 1 through 3 in their entirety
6. Page 3.  
**Following:** line 7  
**Insert:** "NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Forest management practices and fire suppression funding study.** (1) The legislative finance committee, provided for in 5-12-201, and the environmental quality council, provided for in 5-16-101, shall appoint a joint subcommittee to conduct a study of forest management practices and the impact on state fire costs. The study must include:
  - (a) a comprehensive review of current law governing state fire suppression funding;
  - (b) an analysis of alternative funding options; and
  - (c) an investigation of state and federal forest management policies and how those policies may contribute to an increase in the number and cost of wildland fires.

(2) The joint subcommittee shall conduct meetings in Miles City, Libby, Thompson Falls, Lewistown, and Hamilton.

(3) The joint subcommittee shall complete the study by September 15, 2008, and report to the 61st legislature on its findings and recommendations, including any recommendations for legislation."

**Renumber:** subsequent sections

7. Page 3, line 11.

**Strike:** "\$39"

**Insert:** "\$45"

8. Page 3, line 12.

**Strike:** "\$10"

**Insert:** "\$19"

9. Page 3.

**Following:** line 17

**Insert:** "(4) The following amounts are appropriated from the state general fund for the current biennium to the department of natural resources and conservation:

(a) \$545,000 for fuel reduction on state and private land, including 1 FTE for management purposes; and

(b) \$200,000 for development of an additional 10 wildland fire engines for the county co-op program.

(5) There is appropriated from the state general fund to the legislative finance committee \$50,000 for the purpose of conducting the study provided for in [section 1]."

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